

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Final Action dated May 26, 2005. Applicant has amended two of the claims to overcome 112 rejections and more precisely recite the features of the invention. No new matter has been added, and the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the claims. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the present Office Action, Examiner states that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 5-8 are objected to as dependent on Claim 4. Further, in the present Office Action, Examiner states that Claims 20, 21, 23-27-36 are allowed. Applicant is appreciative of Examiner allowing the above claims. Claim 4 has been amended to overcome the 112 rejection and place it in condition for allowance. Claims 28, which is also subject to a 112 rejection, has been amended to overcome the 112 rejection and place that claim in condition for allowance. All of the remaining, un-allowed claims have been canceled.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

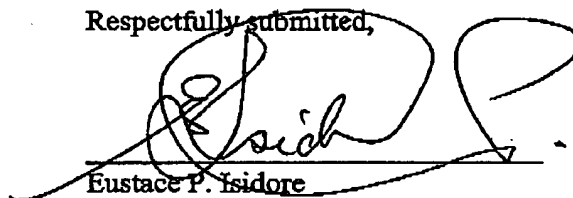
In section 2 of the present Office Action, Claims 1-3, 9-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Thackson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,513) in view of *Dole* (U.S. Patent No. 6,634,008). The above claims have been canceled rendering the rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has diligently responded to the Office Action by amending claims to overcome 112 rejections of conditionally-allowed claims and canceling all of the un-allowed claims. The remaining claims are allowed and/or allowable pursuant to Examiner's statements on pages 8-9 of the Office Action. The amendments and cancellation of un-allowed claims places the claims remaining in the application in condition for allowance, and Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration of the 112 rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicant further requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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